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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0116] Apparatus for dispensing paper from rolls which feeds continuously, roll to roll, and does not require extra procedure to bring stub roll into position. The apparatus has ^{device}means for holding and positioning at least first and second rolls of paper with respect to each other; ^{device}means for dispensing paper from the first roll; ^{device}means for dispensing paper from the first and second rolls simultaneously when the first roll reduces to a predetermined diameter of paper, ^{device}means for positioning the depleted first roll for replacement without the necessity of removing the second roll; and ^{device}means for dispensing from the second and replacement rolls simultaneously when the second roll reduces to a predetermined diameter of paper. The apparatus also has a proximity sensor, which senses when a hand is placed near the dispenser, and thereupon dispenses a set amount of towel. The dispenser incorporates ^{device}means for dissipating static charges to a local ground.

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